



# SISTEMA WAIKATO NEWSLETTER

July 2018

## WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The 9th to the 13th of July was a full on week of musical fun, learning and games, and we were excited to meet and welcome our new intake of children - the green Tchaikovskys!

Our three oldest intakes continued with their string and woodwind instruments, learning new songs which were showcased in two wonderful concerts on Friday the 13th, while the new children learnt about the violin, created their own cardboard violins and made some new friends. Congratulations to all children who performed in the concerts - feedback from whanau and community members was really positive, so keep up the great work!

The next holiday programme will be at the end of January in the summer holidays. All children are encouraged to attend, so please book this in. We'll let you know the specific dates as soon as possible.

## DROP IN HELP SESSIONS

Sistema Waikato starts again next week and we are excited to offer a new element of the programme: drop in help sessions! Every Monday and Tuesday from 5:00pm to 5:30pm some of our awesome tutors will be on hand to assist with any questions you may have. Parents and/or children can have a five minute drop in session to get tips on songs, technique, reading music, practicing at home or anything else you would like assistance with.

**Mondays:**  
Whaea Mary - string specialist

**Tuesdays:**  
Whaea Marea - string specialist  
Whaea Elena - cello specialist  
Whaea Catrin - woodwind specialist

Hang around after the normal programme and we can help you out!



## TERM THREE PROGRAMME DAYS

With a new intake of children our after school programme has extended to five days a week! This means the days your child attends may have changed. Please make sure you take note of the new days so that your child is in the right place on the right day. Sign in and sign out will be at the Nawton School Hall every day.

- Monday: **Beethoven** and **Tchaikovsky**
- Tuesday: **Mozart** and **Vivaldi**
- Wednesday: **Beethoven**
- Thursday: **Mozart** and **Vivaldi**
- Friday: **Tchaikovsky**

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## HOW COOL WAS THE HUI!?

The Sistema New Zealand Hui, the event that was almost a year in the planning, went off with a bang on Saturday the 30th June at Activate Church. More than 100 children from Sistema programmes around the country travelled to Hamilton for a day of choral workshops, improvisation practice, chamber groups and concert rehearsals.

We were so impressed with our Sistema Waikato children because they had never played their instruments for so long before (almost seven hours!), yet they were great role models, working hard and staying focused all day.

The Hui culminated in one of the coolest concerts we have ever been involved in, with the older children from other Sistemas impressing us with their incredible skills, and our Sistema Waikato kids showing off their awesome musical ability.

The next Hui will be in Whangarei or Wellington in 2020. Anyone keen for a Sistema roadtrip?!



## WELCOME NEW TUTORS!

Over the next few weeks you'll see a few new faces at Sistema - some lovely new tutors who we are lucky to have on board! Welcome to: Whaea Grace, Whaea Elena, Whaea Cecily, Whaea Katie and Whaea Denise. With specialities ranging from double bass to cello to flute, and from opera singing to teaching, our new tutors have lots of knowledge and expertise. Feel free to approach them with any questions you may have.

## NEW INSTRUMENTS

We are really excited to be starting two new instruments this term: clarinet and double bass. These instruments will bring brand new dimensions and depth to our growing orchestra, with really unique sounds. Keep your ears open!

In other cool news, we are starting up a cello group for our older Beethoven children (as you need to be quite tall to play the cello!). These children will be starting in the first couple of weeks in Term Three.

## REMINDERS

### EDUCATION CONCERT

Sistema Waikato has been lucky enough to receive free tickets to the TWSO Education Concert. We have tickets for all Tchaikovsky (green) and Beethoven (pink) children to attend on Wednesday the 22nd August from 9:30am to 10:30am. Sistema staff will transport children to and from their school with hired buses. Please ensure you see Whaea Kendall for a permission slip ASAP.

### LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The Leadership Programme starts again on Thursday the 9th of August. Leadership Programme children will attend from 5:15pm to 6:00pm each Thursday. Talk to Whaea Jade if you have any questions.

### INSTRUMENTS AND MUSIC FOLDERS

Please remind your children to bring their instruments and music folders to Sistema each day. We have provided all children with folders to keep their sheet music in, and if they have been lost we'd appreciate if you could purchase a new one for your child or talk to us to see if we have any spares.

## GOODBYE WHAEA KENDALL!

I am really sad to announce that I am saying goodbye to Sistema Waikato. I am off overseas with my partner who has been given a job opportunity in the United Kingdom, so I will be farewelling Sistema at the end of August.

It has been such a privilege to be able to work for this awesome organisation and I feel truly lucky for the way in which the Sistema whanau has welcomed me and been so kind.

To all the children, parents, partner schools and supporters, thank you for letting me be a part of this musical journey and for allowing me to watch the children - the heart of Sistema Waikato - grow, make friends and develop into budding musicians. You are an inspiration, and I hope I can find such a worthy organisation to work for overseas.

I'll be sure to keep in touch, and please stop and say hi if you see me around!